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PRESIDENT'S / CONVENTION MESSAGE

The 54th Annual ONA convention hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society is now upon us. This issue will have many items related to the convention.

First, have you made your plans to attend any or all of the days, April 8, 9 or 10th? The Waterloo Coin Society has been working hard with the ONA to make this another memorable show.

Peter Becker has been working at making sure all the registrations get sold. If you have not registered yet, the form has been attached to this issue or you can download it directly from the website. The O.N.A. accepts by PayPal.

If you plan to stay at the Holiday Inn, you should get your room booked. The deadline for guaranteed rates is March 7! The Holiday Inn has recently undergone a \$2 million renovation.

The ever popular convention medals are

selling fast, so get yours ahead of time to ensure you don't miss out on one.



Now let's get to the reason you should attend this year's convention. The main reason is for education, fun and fellowship.

Scott Douglas has another great lineup of educational speakers for Friday April 8.

All your specialty clubs will be meeting throughout the day on Saturday, April 9 along with the ONA's Annual General meeting.

To top it off, Saturday night we will have a great banquet with incredible food and immediate ANA Past President, Walter Ostromecki Jr. as our guest speaker.

The Waterloo Region offers many other things to do for those

wanting to venture out from the hotel. The St. Jacobs Farmers' Market is always a highlight for many.

So along with a great bourse room, wonderful exhibits, RCNA Coin Kids programs, what other reason would you have not to attend this year's Convention?

Thank you once again for supporting your Ontario Numismatic Association.



Numismatically yours,
Robb McPherson



Never doubt a
numismatist—
they usually
have the proof.

IN MEMORIUM

Mr. Bruce H. Raszmann, 1934–2011
His 50 years of exemplary service will be remembered.

Mr. Tom Rogers, 1942–2012
Past President, serving from 2003–2009.

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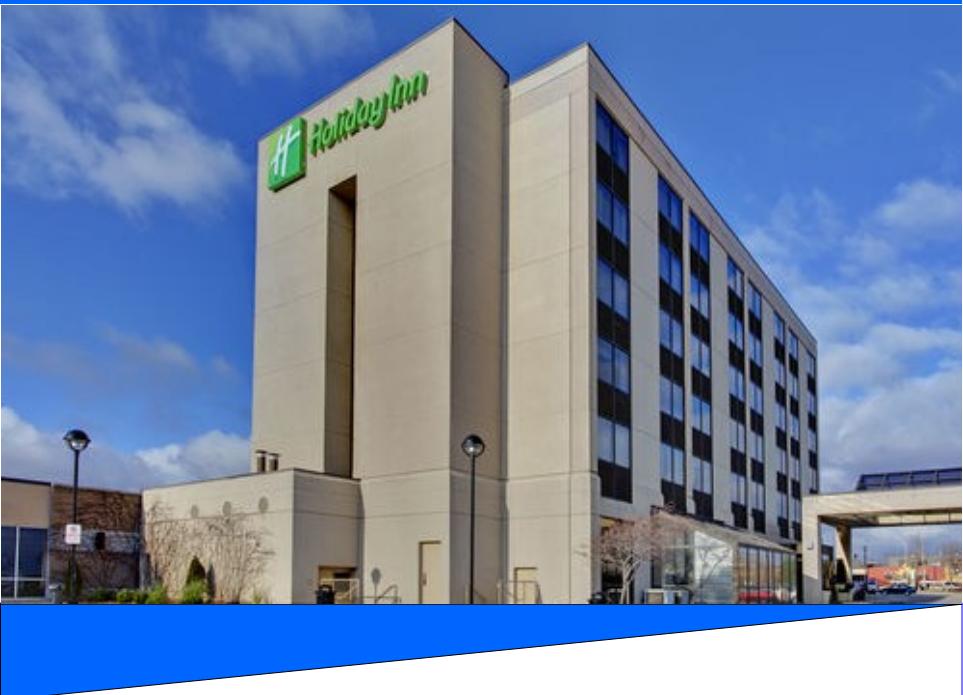
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

	Regular	Digital
Regular Membership	\$30.00	\$15.00
Spouse (add-on to Regular)		\$10.00
Junior (under 18)	\$20.00	\$5.00
Club Membership (aft. Nov. 1st)	\$45.00	
Life Membership (LM) †	\$900.00	\$450.00

†LM is applicable after one year of regular membership.

Join on-line www.the-ona.ca or send money-order or cheque (payable to ONA) for membership to:

Brent W.J. Mackie, ONA Treasurer
P.O. Box 40033, RPO Waterloo Square,
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2016 ONA Convention Friday, April 8 to Sunday, April 10

Hotel Information **Holiday Inn & Conference Centre**

30 Fairway Rd. South,
Kitchener, On. N2A 2N2

Phone: 1-519-893-1211

Convention Daily Rate by Room Type:
Standard \$116 / Business Class \$125

Per ONA contract with the hotel: Individual reservations must be made through Reservations at 519-893-1211 or 1-866-375-8240 no later than March 7, 2016 and ask for the Ontario Numismatic Association block. Please communicate the cut-off date for reservations to your associates that require overnight accommodations.

ONA AWARDS BANQUET GUEST SPEAKER: WALTER (“WALT”) OSTROMECKI JR.



As our humbled Guest Speaker requests, he likes to be referred to as ‘just plain Walt’, preferring to leave out reference to his doctorate. Having said that, we are honoured to have Walt speak at our ONA’s 54th Annual Convention & Awards Banquet being held on Saturday, April 9th, 2016. Walt has been involved in Canadian formal numismatics since the 1980s (for example he was on the RCNA Coin Week Canada Committee), and in U.S. for over 45 years. He refers to himself as an “eclectic numismatic collector, active volunteer, published writer, and exhibitor/exhibit judge.” However, Walt is very modest, so let us open your eyes to see this very unique and outstanding individual (and this is only the tip of iceberg).

Think of Kids in this hobby, and you have to bring Walt to the front of your mind! He’s been a pioneer in engaging youth into the hobby. Walt’s educational outreach focus and program activities extends over 35 years on enlightening, educating, enhancing, encouraging and involving the next generation of young collectors and families about the fun and history behind numismatics. Consider, he

- Developed education Kid Zones ;
- For over 15 years, has been a primary Youth / Boy Scouts of America (BSA) numismatic educator at major coin shows throughout the nine western states; and
- Has been a certified BSA / GSA (Girl Scouts of America) Coin Collecting & Fun

With Money Patch counselor since 2005 (Walt himself was an Eagle Scout in 1966).

Walt while representing the ANA, is involved with the California State Numismatist Association and its club members’ as a strong supporter of their shows, expos, and conventions (in 2015 he ran the Boy Scout Clinic at the convention). He has been a frequent guest speaker, often with fun topics, such as ‘State Quarter Trivia Program and Who Wants To Be A Millionaire.’ In the Long Beach area, Walt is referred to as Mr. Numismatics, especially by children.

Walt has also worked to increase women’s interest in the hobby. He has raised this awareness through some of his published features in Coin World and Numismatic News. Walt is an author and personal publisher, such as ‘First Ladies Of The United States: An Historical Look At Each And Their Autograph Materials, 1789-1989’ (published Encino, CA, 1989 and revised-updated 1991 edition). Walt is also a bit of a history buff too, his collection includes wonderful pieces such as ‘Letter, to Hannah Stockton Boudinot, January 15, 1784’ which he holds the rights to.

As is true of most numismatists, they have other collecting hobbies. Walt is an avid business-card collector, and suggests that the practice of distributing business cards probably grew out of this custom of distributing one’s calling or visiting card. “This was a complimentary gesture of polite society during the 1700’s and 1800’s,” he says. “Societies who wished their attendance known at gatherings around the community, left their cards with their hostess. She, in turn, catalogued them and sent thank-you cards...” Walt also collects thank-you letters such as this one from one of the children he did a presentation for.

Walt is generous with his time, and has served the industry well (since joining the ANA in 1975), including:

- The American Numismatic Association (ANA) Board since being first elected in 2005;
- ANA Vice-President 2011-2013 and President 2013-2015;
- Previous served as the ANA National Hobby Volunteer with the Club Rep Program and since it was developed in 1992 served on that committee;



- ANA National Co-ordinator 1998-2003;
- The Points of Numismatic Light Program (PNLP) was introduced under Walt's ANA Presidency to recognize and honour over 130 individuals in all 50 states, 5 Canadian individuals, and 1 person in Vietnam – all of whom had enhanced the hobby experience of others in numerous ways from behind the scenes over at least a 10 year period; and
- Maintains membership in 82 numismatic organizations and clubs, and of those, he was recognized as an Honorary Lifetime Member with 11 of them.

Many will recall Walt coming to the RCNA convention in 2014 where Canadians (Fred Freeman, Al Munro, Henry Nienhuis, and YN John Siteman) received the PNLP awards. As well, you will recall a room full of laughter at that year's banquet as Walt compared Canada with U.S.

Walt has been recipient of numerous awards, some which include:

- Krause Publication Numismatic Ambassador 1988;
- ANA Exemplary Service Award 1998, Medal of Merit;
- Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA) – Numismatic Goodwill Ambassador 2011;
- RCNA Youth Service Award under President Chuck Moore, 2007;
- Numismatic Literary Guild Awards for Journalism 1986;
- RCNA Guy Potter Award 2008; and
- Honoured by the California State Legislature for Volunteer Community Service, 1991, and by State Senate 2009 – as well as General Motors, the LAU School District, 31st District PTA, City of Los Angeles, and others.

Walt reflects on his fondest memories gleaned through the ONA from a good friend-and hobby ambassador, the late Tom Rogers, "What a guy! He lived the spirit of the hobby as has my other long-time friend and YN Coin Kids booster-associate Fred Freeman. We worked as a team from 2006-2010 to get kids and families involved in our fun collecting hobby. I am honored to know Lisa and I enjoy her passionate interest in actively promoting youth education and involvement in our numismatic hobby."

Walter's focus is to continue to ensure the ANA is the premier go-to educational hobby resource, and to remain a pro-active member of the Board. He has a 37 year career in Education and Administration, and he has brought more Board openness-transparency and inspired more membership trust in the ANA. Walter also has over 8 years of Board experience in the areas of strategic planning, fundraising development, membership growth, continued financial prudence and club outreach focus, mediation, communication and continuing commitment to represent the ANA at shows nationwide, all on his own expense. Walter has a deep passion and love for the ANA, and says, "I am a free will ANA giver not a taker!"



EXHIBIT CHAIR REPORT

Just a reminder, you can still submit an Exhibit Application to display your exhibit(s) at the ONA's 54th Annual Convention. See application and rules in this issue, or you can also download them from the association's website (<http://the-ona.ca/con2016.php>). You could win Best of Show, the People's Choice, or Category 1st, 2nd or 3rd awards. Young Numismatists are encouraged to enter displays too.

Submit your application today! Help to educate by sharing your exhibit.

Colin Cutler,
2016 Exhibit Chairman



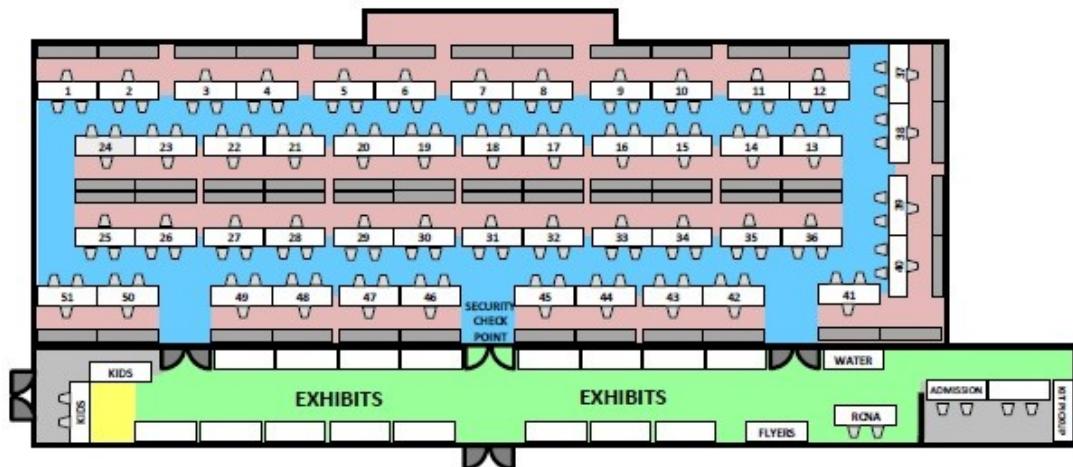
BOURSE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We have 42 sold at this point (8 available). Here is the list of dealers with their tables we have so far:

Canadian Coin News—Mike Walsh, 1-2	Hub City Coins—Fraser Frizzell, 27	Colonial Acres Coins, 39-40
E & L Holdings—Ernie Blair, 5-6	Canadian Numismatic Rarities, 28	Marv's Coins—Marvin Stamcoff, 41
Dave Hill / Peter McDonald, 7-8	Proof Positive Coins—Sandy Campbell, 29	Pierre Cyr Cartes et Monnaie, 42
Paul Koolhaas, 9-10	Select Coin & Currency—Gary Fedora, 30	Londinium Coins—Gary Miller, 43
Mariusz Korlacki, 12	The Canadian Numismatic Company— Marc Verret, 31-32	Vern Hoskins / Andy Grecco, 44-45
N & K Coins, 13-15	Halton Coins—John Burrell, 33	Ted's Collectables—Ted Bailey, 46-48
Campbell's Collectibles— Terry Campbell, 16-18	London Coin Centre—Thomas Machaj, 34	Peter Kostyk, 49
Tibor Horvath Coins, 24	The Connoisseur—John Brown, 35-36	Certified Coins of Canada—Michael
Traders Gold Corp—George Smith, 25	Geoffrey Bell / Metro Coin & Banknote, 37-38	Findlay, 50-51
Southwestern Ontario Coin—Steven Van Bree, 26		



2016 O.N.A. CONVENTION BOURSE FLOOR LAYOUT



SCALE: APPROXIMATELY 1" = 20'

If you wish to book a spot or more information, please contact Ben Dettweiler by e-mailing bourse2016@the-ona.ca or calling 519-743-3592.

REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This update represents one of the last official reminders to register before the March 21 deadline. Orders for medals, registration kits and banquet tickets are rolling in. Waterloo Coin Society as co-host of this year's convention, anticipates that it will be another success, furthering the cause of numismatics by promoting the hobby in the Region.

At some point during the Cambridge Coin Show on March 19, we hope to present the early bird prize to one lucky winner who sent in their registration before the end of February, courtesy of sponsor Michael Walsh, co-owner/publisher at Trajan Media who incidentally also has a table at the show.

At the time of writing this report, souvenir medals are better than halfway sold out. Avoid disappointment by getting your order in as soon as possible. If you've already done that, thank you for your generous support! Please note that we will also be happy to accept changes/additions to your existing order, only up to the final deadline. Simply submit another form (ie: for extra medals, banquet tickets) with your payment or place a secondary order online at www.the-ona.ca/2016 In the event of a sellout, you may be provided with alternative options or offered a refund when you pick up your order, in person, over the April 8-10 weekend.

Bourse passes may be purchased at the sales desk Friday and Saturday for a nominal fee of only \$15.00 along with a limited selection of O.N.A. convention related material (as supplies last).

- Registration and sales tables will be open Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Registration kit pick-up is during Bourse preview and public hours, Saturday and Sunday.
- Friday Bourse preview for pass holders and registrants only, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Welcome reception for Dealers and Registrants on Friday at 7:00 p.m. to Midnight in Ontario Salons Rooms A-B.
- Early Bird Admission for all pass holders / registrants from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. both days.
- Convention open to the public Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donated items in quantities of 100 or more are always in great demand for registration kits in addition to purchased items specially selected for each category. Please contact me to discuss what you have in mind for possible inclusion that registrants of all ages will value and appreciate.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding registration, I will be happy to address them if you e-mail me at registration2016@the-ona.ca or call (519) 744-6719.

I look forward to greeting many of you over the course of the weekend and hope that it will be not only a memorable one but also an enjoyable, educational and rewarding one as well.



See you soon!

Peter Becker

Peter Becker, F.O.N.A.
2016 Registration Chairman



Register Now

THE CONVENTION IS FOR YOUNG NUMISMATISTS TOO!

The following events are taking place specifically for Youths (under the age of 18) members and visitors to the ONA Convention.

RCNA Sponsored Coin Kids Junior table:

The Royal Canadian Numismatic Association, in conjunction with the volunteers of the Ontario Numismatic Association, are pleased to invite you to visit the Junior Numismatists table located just outside the bourse room. Material is graciously donated by numismatic dealers, club members, the Royal Canadian Mint and may others. Please parents, be reminded that this table is strictly for juniors. Let your young numismatists have fun. NO prompting!

Coin Kids Auction:

The Coin Kids Auction has been a continuing success. Let's do it again this year!

Saturday, April 9, 2016 (1:00—4:00 p.m.) - Coin Kids Auction sponsored by RCNA
Michigan Room

Remember, space is limited to the first 50 juniors to register for the auction. Register early and avoid disappointment! Sign-up sheet will be at the Coin Kids Junior table.

Junior Registration Kit:

Why not maximize your enjoyment of the convention by registering as a convention attendee. The Junior Registration Kit, containing many great items, is just \$5.00! You can't go wrong!

For more information, contact Lisa McPherson, RCNA National Youth Coordinator, (905) 807-0673, spinkslisa@hotmail.com.



Young Numismatist Education Correspondence Course:

The Youth Correspondence course is undergoing an upgrade. Lisa is spearheading the project with Henry Nienhuis, Scott Douglas, and Chris Boyer assisting. This is a huge undertaking as you can imagine. We are anxious to complete it, as the demand for the course is constant.

Support For Coin Kids:

The preparations for the youth events at the O.N.A. & R.C.N.A. are well under way. Donations continue to come in and are very much appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, Coin Kids is currently in need of paper money - world and Canadian for the sales table, loops or magnifying glasses, coins in good to uncirculated condition for the years 2009 to present. Monetary donations are also appreciated as well. They allow us to buy those things that aren't donated.

O.N.A. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2016

Membership:

The following applications have been received and now are members of the Ontario Numismatic Association. There is a period of two months for written objections of a new member to be submitted to the Membership Chairman.

R 2183 – Carol Rosenthal, Ottawa Ontario
 R 2184 – Donald Hinds, Hanmer Ontario

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

The following member is reinstated:

C 0135 – London Coin Centre Inc., London Ontario

The following member is deceased:

LM 90 – James A. Lawson, Newmarket, Ontario, died January 16, 2016

Since my last report 2016 O.N.A. renewals have continued to come in. There are still 46 members (25 regular, 19 junior and 2 spousal) who have not renewed their membership for 2016. This March – April 2016 issue of the Ontario Numismatist is the last issue you will receive if your renewal is not received before our next issue is ready to go out. This would be after the 54th O.N.A.'s Annual Convention in Kitchener on April 8 -10 2016.



Please renew on the O.N.A. website or complete the renewal form with a cheque and mail it to the O.N.A. P.O. Box.

Any questions on your membership please contact me by e mail or the O.N.A. P.O. Box.

David Bawcett

E mail: membership@the-ona.ca
 O.N.A. Membership Chairman

**Renew for
2016**

LOOKING FORWARD TO O.N.A. CONVENTIONS

2017 Convention:

The O.N.A. has decided to stay in the central part of Ontario for the 55th Annual Convention. The ONA will host the event at the Holiday Inn, Kitchener Ontario on April 21, 22, and 23, 2017. So please mark that on your calendars.

2018 and 2019 Conventions:

The O.N.A. is active in looking for a host club for the 2018 (56th) and 2019 (57th) Annual conventions.

If your club is looking for some additional revenue and would like to participate in hosting a future convention please contact me Robb McPherson for more information.

**Volunteer
NOW!**

IN MEMORY OF JAMES ARTHUR LAWSON

SEPTEMBER 19, 1931 – JANUARY 16, 2016



Long-time Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA) member and coin dealer, James (Jim) Arthur Lawson died on January 16th, 2016 at his home in Newmarket at the age of 84. Jim is survived by his lovely wife Patricia "Pat" (Anderson), and beautiful children, a son and two daughters, Chris, Penny (Scott Cameron) and Pamela (Matt Tengnagel), and grandchildren Cody Lawson, Jessica Lawson, Erica Cameron, and Owen Cameron, and nephew Christopher. A service is being held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 at Beechwood Cemetery (280 Beechwood Ave., Ottawa, ON, K1M 8E2, Cda.), followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations (if desired), are invited to RCMP Veterans Association, Ottawa Division, Box 42020, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa, On. K1K 4L8, Cda. Or to the Pickering College Building Fund, 16945 Bayview Avenue, Newmarket, On. L3Y 4X2, Cda.

Jim was descended from William Lawson, the founding director and first president of the Bank of Nova Scotia giving him a special numismatic connection. After an injury in the course of duty (serving the RCMP) forced Jim into retirement, he opened his first gallery (in Stittsville, suburb of Ottawa) specializing in art and coins. Jim participated in most of the major shows across Canada including the largest TOREX where this picture was taken in 2015 (courtesy of TOREX). Jim later relocated to Newmarket (nearer to Toronto). Jim was also a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA), and an active member in the American Numismatic Association (ANA) and the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND).



An interesting piece of trivia about Jim occurred in 1986 while he was S/Sgt. in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police regiment 16788. Jim received \$10,000 in an RCMP Suggestion Award Program, and gave \$1,000 to the Ottawa Division Veterans' Association to be used for the good of Veterans and their families.



REST IN PEACE JIM.

54TH ANNUAL CONVENTION MEDAL

Our 54th convention medal design was chosen by the Convention Committee from a design submitted by ONA member Thomas P. Sanders. The medal features the Victoria Park Clock Tower. For nearly 50 years, the tower was the focal point of the beloved Renaissance revival style city hall which was demolished, amid great controversy, in 1973 (Kitchener, Ontario). Thankfully there were enough foresighted individuals to have the clock tower carefully dismantled and preserved for future generations. As one of Kitchener's most recognizable landmarks, it now stands watch at the entrance to Victoria Park (off Joseph and Gaukel streets).

Mr. Sanders' rendition depicted below, marks the first time the tower has become a focal point of a Waterloo Coin Society / Ontario Numismatic Association medal. Previously in 1972, banquet medals were struck for the WCS which featured the former Kitchener city hall built in 1924. A K-W Oktoberfest trade dollar was issued in 1996 to celebrate the reconstruction and formal dedication July 1, 1995 of the Heritage Clock Tower (as it was known then) in its permanent home ending many years of discussion and debate. Today the clock tower is prominently featured as the City of Kitchener's official logo.

Silver and Brass medals will be in short supply with limited mintage of only 40. Copper will also have a limited mintage of 100 this year.

(photo images by Henry Nienhuis)



NEWS FROM AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

Thanks mainly to the continuing dedication of the London Numismatic Society and the contributions from our newest club, the North Shore Numismatic Society (Vancouver). We now have over 100 PowerPoint presentations to be used as club program incentives. Copies of these programs will soon be hand-delivered or mailed out to our member clubs on an SD card. These files should be copied onto several laptops so the 'slides' can be viewed with a digital projector while the accompanying text, if available, is read from another laptop. This should also lower the chance of the presentations not being available for a meeting. I have a limited number of SD cards so will rotate through the club list starting with the out-of-province clubs, since some of these clubs have indicated they have even more presentations to be added.

In the interest of adding even more educational content, we are pleading with any additional clubs or individuals who have produced programs, to consider sending copies to me to be included in our program library. A disc can be mailed to my home address listed on the front cover or if you wish, an SD card can be mailed to you to be returned with your files included, postage paid. If you are mailing an SD card to me, please tape the card near the centre of the envelope so there will be no damage when the stamp is cancelled.

Presentations smaller than about 18MB can also be emailed directly. By sending your files, it is understood that you are giving permission for your programs to be shared with the numismatic community for the betterment of our hobby. Any method you wish to acknowledge the program producer (either an individual or a club) should be either embedded in the program or within the folder description. The original source will always be recognized and no one is allowed to sell any material for profit. These new programs will be blended into our 2016 version as they are received.



If you plan on attending the 2016 ONA Convention, please bring a laptop so you can download the newest version available. For further information on the entire collection, inquiries should be directed to Len Trakalo at ltrakalo@rogers.com.

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Len Trakalo



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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUMISMATIC EDUCATION

CAFNE / ACPEN has been doing wonderful things to help the numismatic hobby advance education in this field. The Canadian Association for Numismatic Education (CAFNE) has a mandate:

- To educate the public about numismatics on the study of coins, currency, medals, tokens, paper money, and related objects primarily from Canada but also including other cultures, past and present, through the provision of educational programs and activities;
- To conduct research about primarily Canadian numismatics and to communicate the results there from to interested individuals, groups, organizations, academics, and governments in order to educate the public about numismatics; and
- To give scholarships and bursaries for the study and research of numismatics.

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EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Educational Symposium—Friday, April 8th, 2016—1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Holiday Inn Convention Centre (Kitchener) - Michigan Room

Moderator: Scott E Douglas FONA, FRCNA, FCNRS, GKStE

The ONA educational symposium affords the collector an opportunity to gain insight into how other collectors collect and the knowledge that can be gained from a presenter's understanding and experience in a specific area of numismatics. The symposium becomes a world of discovery for the listener. As the saying goes 'knowledge is power'!



Presenters:

1 p.m. - Judy Blackman, F.O.N.A. -Little Gems 1800-1920 (hand painted and enamel coins and tokens).

The craft of hand-painting and enamelling coins and tokens sprang up in the early 1800s, rose with the Victorian love of unusual jewellery 1884, and saturated the market in 1887, the year of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee – "the magic year of enamelling" as U.K. citizens sought Royal memorabilia. Judy will share a brief illustrated history, information hand-out, an exhibit of some of her collection, and a lucky participant will take home a beautiful hand-painted coin.



2 p.m. - Jeff Fournier, F.O.N.A. - Canadian Centennial Collectibles.

This presentation will give an overview of these interesting numismatic items. It will begin with a look at the Canadian Centennial year and some of the notable festivals and events that took place. From there, Jeff will lead you through a visual, numismatic journey of the many tokens, medals and other interesting numismatic items that were issued and are available for collectors to enjoy.



3 p.m. - Rev. Angus Sutherland - Communion Tokens (the history and use of).

Rev. Angus Sutherland is a retired Presbyterian minister who has long been fascinated with both numismatics and with history. He discovered that his vocation and his interests could be combined in collecting Communion tokens, largely a Presbyterian phenomenon. The presentation will begin with the history and use of the Communion token. The presenter will be prepared to speak on the Communion tokens of Ontario, worldwide Communion token issues and may focus on the Communion tokens of Waterloo and Wellington regions.



ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Banquet Tickets Still Available at \$55 Per Person

for

Saturday, April 9th, 2016

includes

Pre-Reception (cash bar opens 6:30 p.m.),

Banquet (dinner 7 p.m., guest speaker, awards, door prizes, and more),

Post-Banquet President's Reception

at

Holiday Inn Convention Centre—Kitchener

Ontario Salons—Rooms A—B—C

Emcee: Scott E. Douglas, FRCNA, FCNRS, FONA, GKOSE

Guest Speaker: Dr. Walter “Walt” Ostromecki Jr.

Buffet Dinner includes:

- Hot Meats—Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Tomato Provencal Sauce, Roast Top Beef Sirloin
—accompanying by Medley of Fresh Market Vegetables and Roasted Potatoes
- Cold cuts—Sliced Black Forest Ham, Roast Beef, Smoked Pastrami
- Garden Salad (choice of 3 dressings), 3 other Assorted Salads, Fresh Crudites with Herb Dip
- Garnishes—Pickles, Peppers, Dijon and Pommery Mustards, Horseradish
- Fresh Baked Rolls, Bread, Butter, Domestic Cheeses and Crackers
- Fresh Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Selection of Herbal Teas
- Delectable Cakes, Pies, Pastries, Gluten-Free Chocolate Cake, Fresh Fruit Salad



FRIDAY – APRIL 08, 2016

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Educational Symposiums** in Michigan Room

2:00 p.m. - **Security commences**

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Dealer & Exhibitors** Set-up in the Waterloo Salon -A-B-C

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Registration table** open for pick-up of registration kits,
Bourse room open to Delegates.

7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. **Reception** in Ontario Salons A-B for 54th Anniversary of the O.N.A.

SATURDAY – APRIL 09, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Bourse room** – open to Dealers, Exhibitors & Delegates in the Waterloo Salon A-B-C

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Registration table** open for pick up of kits.

9:00 a.m. - Noon **C.T.C.C** meets in Michigan Room

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Hospitality Suite** open to all registrants, bourse dealers and their families for complimentary coffee and snacks in Ontario Salon A

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Bourse room** open to public

10:15 a.m. – Noon **Annual O.N.A. & Club Delegates Meeting** - All official club delegates O.N.A. Executives and guests are invited to attend in the Ontario Salon, Room C

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **C.A.T.C.** meets in Georgian Room

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **R.C.N.A. Coin Kids Auction** – Michigan Room

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **C.A.W.M C.** meets in Ontario Salon Room B

4:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m. **C.C.C.C.** meets in Michigan Room

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Pre-Banquet Reception** - banquet ticket holders only. Cash bar. Ontario Salon Rooms A-B-C

7:00 p.m. – 12:00a.m **Banquet**- keynote speaker, full-course dinner, draw prizes, award presentations and more. President's Reception to follow in same room.

SUNDAY – APRIL 10, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Bourse room** – open to Dealers & Delegates

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **O.N.A. Executive** meeting – Michigan Room

10:00a.m. – 12:30p.m. **R.C.N.A Executive** meeting- Michigan Room

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Bourse floor** open to the public.

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Hospitality Suite** open to all registrants, bourse dealers, their families, for complimentary coffee and snacks in Ontario Salon A

12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. **C.A.F.N.E. Board Meeting** – Michigan Room

4:00 p.m.- **SHOW CLOSES** - Bourse room closes. Tear down begins

CONVENTION PROGRAM OF EVENTS

ALFRED SANDHAM 1838–1910

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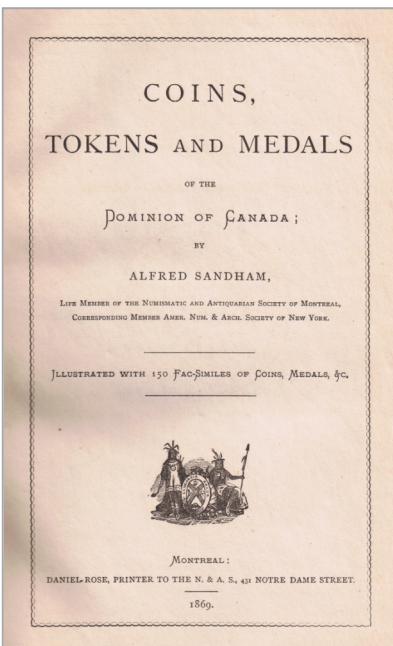
Did You Know... that the pioneer work *Coins, Tokens and Medals of the Dominion of Canada* was created by a man who was not only a numismatist but a renowned illustrator and author as well?

Alfred Sandham was born in Montreal on November 19, 1838. Sandham grew up in the neighbourhood known as Griffintown, a community largely made up of Irish immigrants. His schooling was minimal (elementary) and feeling uninspired Sandham, while still in his teens, left for New York seeking employment. After two years he returned to Montreal and worked as an operator for the Montreal Telegraph Company. In 1864 Sandham became secretary of the YMCA of Montreal. He worked diligently for this organization for eleven years. In 1878 he went to Toronto to take up secretary ship of the YMCA in that city.

All through the years, Sandham built a wonderful collection of coins and medals as well as stamps and rare minerals. Numismatists of Sandham's era often had collecting interests other than numismatics with stamps and minerals the most popular. In 1869 Sandham published *Coins, Tokens and Medals of Canada* a catalogue which described two hundred and fifteen coins and forty two medals and is illustrated by eight full pages of plates drawn by Sandham himself. Although *Coins, Tokens and Medals of the Dominion of Canada* was not the first attempt to catalogue the coins of Canada, it was a book on which future efforts were based and so can claim to be a ground breaking publication. In 1872, Sandham published a supplement to his work describing eighteen additional coins and thirty eight medals also mentioning some thirty seven die varieties. With the supplement Sandham described a total of three hundred and fifty Canadian coins and medals. Also, during 1872 Sandham became the first editor of the *Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal* and held this position until 1875. Sandham went on to publish several historical and numismatic books; *Medals Commemorative of the Visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada, McGill College and its Medals, Montreal and its Fortifications, Historic Medals of Canada and The Trade Tokens of Montreal*.



Alfred Sandham, illustrator, author, editor, collector and numismatist died on Christmas night, December 25, 1910.



Alfred Sandham's *Coins, Tokens and Medals of the Dominion of Canada* was published in 1869. Of the 200 copies issued most did not sell and in Sandham's words could not even be given away. Later, Sandham ordered the publisher to destroy the unbound copies that were left. Today, an original copy is quite scarce.



The Jacques Cartier medal was rejected by Sandham and he defaced the dies. R.W. McLachlan later found the dies and struck 10 medals in white metal and 1 in

bronze. The bronze was made from a reworking of the die to remove the 'bosses' or defacing. The bronze medal resides in the collection of the Chateau Ramezay of Montreal.

The following medal was made for the YMCA, commemorating the founding in 1851 in Montreal and incorporation in 1870. The reverse lists the board of directors and includes Alf Sandham's name as secretary. The medal is known in bronze and white metal.



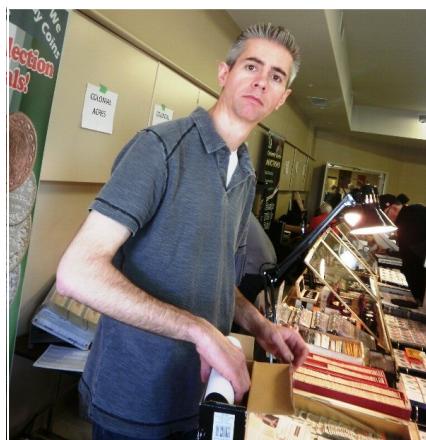
This article is written by



Scott E. Douglas

FRCNA, FCNRS, FONA, GKOSE

A Local Connection To The Story Above!



Interesting follow up to Scott Douglas's *Did You Know—* Alfred Sandham article in our Nov. *Wellington Circular* newsletter is post-confirmation that Todd Sandham of *Colonial Acres Coins* is related, in that Alfred is his Great-Great-Grandfather! Coin collecting runs deep in the Sandham family lines. This picture was taken by Judy Blackman at the SWCS Guelph show in May 2015.

On another note, Todd mentioned Alfred had a brother who was a noted artist (Henry "Hy" Sandham, pictured in 1882, and who was born in Montreal, PQ in 1842, died in London (UK) 1910 noted Canadian painter and illustrator).



We are always happy to have *Colonial* support our Ontario shows and conventions as a dealer, much appreciated!

OTTAWA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

On behalf of the Ottawa Numismatic Society (located in O.N.A. Area 9), I would like to note our new mailing address: Ottawa Numismatic Society, P. O. Box 11086, Station H, Ottawa, On. K2H 7T8. Thanks.

Wilfred Lauber, Treasurer of the ONS-SNO (<http://ons-sno.ca/main/>)



COMING EVENTS

2016-Mar 5-6: MISSISSAUGA 13TH ANNUAL COIN & STAMP SHOW (sponsored by the **Troyak Club**) at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, On. L4Z 1V8, Contact—Les Plonka, (416) 505-7999, leszekp@rogers.com, www.troyakclub.com. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 30 dealers and 60 dealer tables. Canadian and world coins, banknotes, stamps and supplies. Buy, sell, trade, appraise.

2016-Mar 19: 25TH ANNUAL CAMBRIDGE COIN SHOW (presented by the **Waterloo Coin Society**) at the Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd., Cambridge, On. N1R 6V3, Contact—Ben Dettweiler, (519) 807-1881, coinshow@waterloocoinsociety.com, www.waterloocoinsociety.com. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4p.m. Free admission. Buy, sell, trade, evaluate. Coins, paper money, gold, silver, tokens, trade dollars, Canadian Tire money, militaria. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a local charitable organization.

2016-Apr 3: KENT COIN CLUB SPRING COIN SHOW at the Active Lifestyle Center, 20 Merritt Ave., Chatham, On. N7M 6G9, Contact—Lou Wagenaer, President of Kent Coin Club, (519) 352-5477. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking. Free token or foreign coin to all children entering show compliments of the Kent Coin Club. 25 dealer tables (coins and paper money for all interests). Food available on site for purchase. Hourly draws and a raffle.

2016-Apr 22-23: TORONTO COIN EXPO at the Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., Toronto, On. M4W 2G8, Contact—Jared Stapleton, (647) 403-7334, torontocoinexpo@gmail.com, www.torontocoinexpo.ca. Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$6 (under 16 free). Buy, sell, trade, appraise. Partnering with **Geoffrey Bell Auctions** (auction Apr 21-22).

2016-Apr 24: AJAX PICKERING STAMP CLUB STAMP & COIN SHOW at the Pickering Recreation Center, 1867 Valley Farm Rd., Pickering, On. L1V 6K7, Contact—Bill Bottan, (905) 668-6185, or e-mail billandbernice@sympatico.ca. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free admission and parking. Club and youth tables. Food available.

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2016-Apr 30: TIMMINS COIN AND STAMP SHOW at the McIntyre Community Centre, 85 McIntyre Road, Timmins, On. P4N 8R8, Contact—(705) 288-3277 or e-mail nifinder@hotmail.com. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission and parking. Bourse, Silent Auction, Exhibits, Club Tables, Door Prizes. Be sure to attend!

2016-May 1: WINDSOR COIN CLUB SPRING SHOW at The Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave., Windsor, On. N8X 4K2. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission \$1 (under 16 are free) and plenty of free parking. Contact: Margaret Clarke, (519) 735-0727 or e-mail mtclarke@mnsi.net.

2016-May 7: GUELPH SPRING COIN SHOW (sponsor / affiliate **South Wellington Coin Society**) at the Colonel John McCrae Legion Branch 234, 57 Watson Parkway South, Guelph, On. N1L 1E3, Contact—Mike Hollingshead, (519) 823-2646, chilling@uoguelph.ca, www.southwellingtoncoinsociety.com. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$3 (under 16 free). Free level parking, full accessible. Legendary lunch counter, free draw for gold coin. Coins, banknotes, tokens, Canadian Tire money, medals, books and supplies at more than 35 dealer tables. Club sponsored Kid's table for children under 14. Buy, sell, trade, or evaluate.

2016-May 13-15 (3-days): NATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP AND COIN SHOW at The International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, On. L4V 1E8. Canadian Coin News and Canadian Stamp News (both Trajan Media) are pleased to present its FIRST National Postage Stamp and Coin Show. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$1 (under 16 are free) and plenty of free parking. Admission \$3 each of Fri. and Sat., and free on Sun. Free parking. Contact: Mike Walsh 1-800-408-0352, e-mail info@trajan.ca, website <http://www.canadiancoinnews.ca>.

2016-May 28: NORTH YORK COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN SHOW at the Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. W., North York, On. M2N 2H8. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission, and parking. Contact—Paul Petch (416) 303-4417 or e-mail coinshow@northyorkcoinclub.com.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB

Our 2016 Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Stratford Coin Club, has a NEW DATE due to The Festival Inn (1144 Ontario St., Stratford, ON. N5A 6Z3) booking the room for another group. Our NEW DATE for this our 55th coin show is Sunday, October 30th ,2016, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Admission \$2 (under 16 free). Contact Larry Walker at coinshow_bourse@stratfordcoinclub.ca. All are welcome. Come on out to the show!

Also, be sure to check out our new website at <http://www.stratfordcoinclub.ca/> which is looked after by our webmaster Ron Holman. We also have a new President, Greg Hagias. Many thanks to Richard Johnson for his many years of executive service, most recently as President. The SCC was formed in 1960 with members from Stratford, St. Mary's, and other communities throughout Perth, Huron and surrounding counties. It has grown to include some members from other regions of southern Ontario. The club meets every third Wednesday of the month (except July, August, and December) at the Kiwanis Community Centre (Room G), 111 Lakeside Drive, Stratford, On. N5A 7K5.



Ernie's Adventurous Spirit

by Judy K. M. Blackman, F.O.N. A.; with Edit by Linda and Ernie Blair

We often read profiles on collectors, museum curators and historians; but rarely on dealers. One of the first things I had to learn when entering the formalized side of the numismatic hobby, was how to figure who you can trust. I am happy to say, E & L Holdings operated by Ernie and Linda Blair, is one of highly-reputable dealers, and I personally feel comfort seeing them in booths at so many shows and conventions, and helping out with educational events, such as mall days. Having worked beside Ernie on occasion on education display days, I really wanted to learn and understand more about him. Both he and Linda are truly genuinely nice people. So although this story is not focused on "numismatics" so to say, it is focused on getting to know the Blair's better. I hope you enjoy!

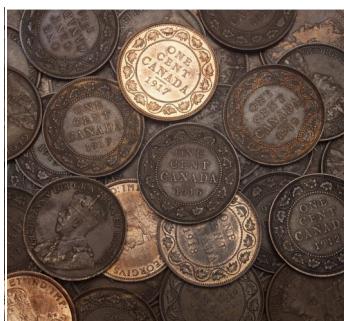
Oakville (Ontario) opened its first hospital (Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital) in 1950. Prior to that, in 1937 a two-ward, four-bed hospital was established in a house at the corner of Eighth Line and MacDonald Road. In 1944, a temporary hospital was established in a house on First Street (which had been used by the Lion's Club). This additional location added 14 more beds to a rapidly growing community. In 1947, little James Ernest ("Ernie") Blair was born in one of these two converted houses.

Next to Eramosa, Erin is the oldest settled Township in Wellington County. Nestled in the Township of Erin, is Hillsburgh, and nestled 3 miles north of Hwy. 24 on Trafalgar Road, was where the Blair family moved, from Oakville in 1952. As an point of interest, in 1944 Hillsburgh's bank was robbed and the thieves were never caught; however, the police did nab the robbers the second time the bank was robbed in 1960.



Family and heritage are important to Ernie, so given Ernie's Scottish roots, it's no surprise Ernie would become the President of the Clan Keith Society (Canada); a role he's held since Nov. 2010, as well as Editor and Publisher of the society's newsletter "Truth Conquers", a role he's held since 2006-2008, including serving as a Director. Ernie's mother Eleanor and his sister Deborah are the founding members of the clan branch in Canada. Today the family has grown substantially, including half-siblings, and 68-year old Ernie is particularly proud of his son David (White City, Sask.).

Linda and Ernie are also active members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136 (Charles St., Milton), and have held executive roles for the Legion — in fact Linda Dorey-Blair just retied from a 3-year period as the branch's Treasurer.



Now back to little Ernie's younger years, to find out how numismatics got into his blood. Ernie started work as a kid (about age 12-13) delivering milk for a dollar a day, which was excellent money in those days. This was in addition to his newspaper route. While delivering milk, Ernie met a chap named McConnell who offered to buy all the 'King George cents' he encountered on his route. Ernie soon began to wonder what those coins were really worth! His aunt and uncle gave him silver dollars and today Ernie is a suspender-sporting coin dealer at many south-western Ontario shows (8-10 a year) and club meetings. Ernie also helps out with numismatics on mall days for SWCS and WCS. He is a member of these numismatic clubs along with the ONA and RCNA. Some of you may remember how you left the delivery requests in the between the doors the night before, and that morning, you would find your request filled, and sitting on your stoop.



Beyond the kinfolk and milk customers, where did Ernie's education come from? Ernie went to the old SS #6 P.S., and then the New Ross R. MacKay P.S., and finally Erin High School until about the age of 16-17 when it was time to enter the workforce. Ernie is proud today to show on LinkedIn, that he went to the school of 'Hard Knocks.' Ernie had 3 siblings at this point, and his mother was raising them on her own since his father left around 1953-54. Eventually when his then divorced mother remarried, he would gain four more siblings. His mother gave birth to a total of 4 boys and 4 girls, with Ernie being the first-born. Today, Ernie's mother Eleanor (Gaelic version is Eilionoir which means 'shining light') is 88. He's particularly proud of his mother for going back to school to become a registered nurse aide, graduating to begin her career with the Guelph General Hospital in 1967 when she was 39. Coincidentally, 1967 is the year Ernie, age 20, bought his very first 'brand new' car, a 1967 Ford Fairlane, with a 4-barrel 390 engine, bucket seats and more. It was loaded!



Now Ernie is out of school and on the work path full-time. How does this lead him to become a coin dealer? Ernie's first job was in 1964, with W.C. Wood Company Limited (Guelph) which shut down in Nov. 2009 after operating since 1941 as one of Guelph's key manufacturers. W.C. Wood was a household name for over 80 years as an appliance maker. Ernie first worked in the Press Dept., and in short time, found out from the company that his wages were to be cut as he was still a youth — even though he was doing a man's job. Upon hearing this, Ernie quit immediately, returning a few months later after the company changed its hiring practices and would pay him a man's wage. He then went on the assembly and fabricating line,

learning spot welding, brazing, gas welding and then to mig and stick welding. He was a Lead Hand in the Canteen Cup Dept., and ran the 'cut-to-length' line. W.C. Wood sold the business in 2007 to Red Diamond, a private U.S. equity firm, and it closed two years later due to a recession.

Ernie is becoming more accustomed to the work market. He left W.C. Wood and went down the road to Kearney-National Limited (world renown electric switch manufacturer) where he walked in and said "I hear you're hiring", and got hired on the spot. He started out in one role (pulling wrenches), but within days made his way into the welding shop which was a protected department from lay-offs. Since his previous welding expertise was with steel, he was taught how to mig weld in Aluminum, Bronze and Brass. Ernie became certified and could read schematics (blueprints), which meant he couldn't be bumped inside the shop union. Ernie is very proud of the work he did at KNL and the switching stations in Etobicoke, Sorel, Quebec, and Churchill Falls, Hydro plant in Labrador City. He improved on KNL logistics efficiencies, reducing transportation costs and the risk of damage, after making the company realize savings, by sending him and two others to the Churchill Falls Hydro Project. Coincidentally, Ernie met Lowell Wierstra at KNL. She is now a co-member of the South Wellington Coin Society.

Now glancing back at Ernie's childhood again, will help us to understand what lead him to his dare-devil days of the 1960's. In 1937, the Port Authority of Toronto deemed Malton the most suitable location for an airport. By 1948, a medium-range turboprop airliner, Vickers Viscount, went into service. Just before Ernie's days began with KNL, Ernie fulfilled a childhood dream. As a kid, he would deliver the Toronto Star in the cart they supplied (big enough to tote a friend or two) to 75 plus customers. During the 1950s and 1960s, both the Toronto Star and rival Toronto Telegram were running contests for newspaper boys to get new subscriptions. For example, in 1955 900 Toronto Star carriers were taken on an excursion on the steamer Lady Hamilton, from Toronto to Port Dalhousie. The leader of the new subscriptions also received a boxed camera and a zippered red photo album. Now Ernie won a subscription contest and his award, as the Leading Carrier, was a ride from the Malton Airport to see Niagara Falls and back, in a Viscount.. From that day forward, Ernie had the bug, and wanted to fly one day!

Around 1967-68, Caledon first saw Ernie as he arrived with three of his Hillsburgh buddies. They were going to take flying lessons and get certified for a single engine — Private Pilot Licence (PPL). After getting his PPL, he went on to get his Night Endorsement and took instrument training, leading him to fly a twin engine aircraft, for a total of 8 different planes. Ernie stopped flying in the 1970s (after 220 hours) and switched to the thrill of driving big rigs. Ernie became known as the guy who could land in the dark, flying over trees and fences, and still have a soft landing on a grassy field. Hutchins, an instructor, got ahead of Ernie on a flight back from Camp Borden and left

Ernie to figure out how to land in the dark on his own. Bill swears Ernie was about 6 inches from chopping off the tops of the trees. He was also known as the guy who could bring back a plane's engine air filter, clogged with dandelions from the fields he skimmed for accompanying him to Corner-twin Apache / Aztec . He had in-Hutchins, Don Hannon (who be-ada), Henning Peterson (who went (Past Air Canada Pilot and Cana-Ernie into spins and spirals drop-Ernie always liked doing spins and chins even had Ernie flying under per hour and just hanging by the had him recover just on instru-ment. Ernie never lost his 'lunch' but his buddies did, and one, Jacob Hunter, gave up the flying adventure right after his first solo — heading straight home with a vow never to get in a plane again.



He had Bill Hutchins as the instruc-brook (Nfld.) and back, flying a PA-23 structors such as George Marshall, Bill came President of Gates Learjet Can-on to fly 747s for CP Air), and Al Hauft dian Acrobatic Champion), who pushed ping rapidly from 3,000 ft to 800 ft. spirals, and then recovering. Bill Hut-the hood (on instruments) at zero miles prop. Bill then kicked the rudder and ments without looking outside the air-craft. Ernie never lost his 'lunch' but his buddies did, and one, Jacob Hunter, gave up the flying adventure right

after his first solo — heading straight home with a vow never to get in a plane again.

Now fun time was over and back to the work grind. Ken Galbraith Trucking took Ernie on as a Commercial Truck Driver, moving him up to AZ semis hauling rock to hydro plants and breakwater projects from Acton Limestone Quarry to Douglas Point, Nanticoke, Bronte and Bowmanville Harbours, as well as, Pickering Hydro, for the rock abutments. These led to wide loads using cranes to unload. In the late 1970s, Ernie bought his own rig, running then until the diesel and insurance costs made it impractical to contract. Next up was running for higher pay by doing 'long runs' with Charles Sr., President of his company McGillon Transport Ltd. (founded in 1964) out of Bolton (Ontario), where Ernie did short runs hauling steel to Birmingham (Alabama), Yazzo City (Mississippi), Denver (Colorado), Dallas (Texas), Pella (Iowa), Kimberly (Wisconsin) Lawrence and Boston as well as many other points.

Ernie then moved onto dry freight vans with Doug Battler Trucking, and then Jumbo Motor Express running to Canada's East coast twice a week. Later with All-Trans Special Commodities running from Toronto and Montreal, Ernie used up one of his 9 cat's lives. Ernie had a small problem with one driver and took time off (4 days), and then found out that driver and Ernie's replacement were killed in an accident at All Trans (White River, Ontario—the coldest spot in Ontario). This spot can be bad, especially in Ontario, and some readers may remember the horrific four tractor trailers crash on Hwy 17 West in 2014, which included a massive loss of livestock too and then the big ones in 2011 and 2012, and many others before them. Later with ATSC, Ernie ran west mostly running Toronto—Edmonton—Vancouver routes, with turnaround back to Montreal or Toronto. Ernie then went to pin-to-pin (no lifting) with Trimac, hauling liquid tankers, doing 2-3 week long double-driver runs and also hauling explosives, chemicals and alcohol.

Now, Ernie now used up another of his nine cat lives. One day after returning from Boston, with a reefer at the 5th Wheel in Milton, Ernie got in the car with Linda and as they were entering the intersection at 25 Hwy, a car broad-sided their vehicle which caused Ernie's T12 vertebrae to be compressed (crushed), and today it remains compressed at 30%. This collision drove Linda's Monte Carlo's driver's door in by at least 15 inches. Linda suffered whiplash and soft tissue damage, and the couple ended up in the Milton Hospital, where against regulations, Ernie caused enough of a ruckus and he won his way to have Linda and him share a room (the rooms were not co-gender!). This accident pretty much ended Ernie's long-run days.

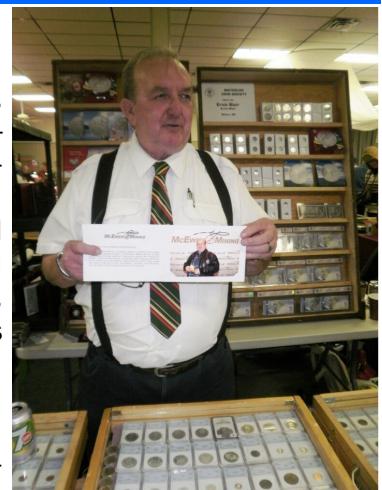
For nearly 28 years, Ernie has been the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of E & L Holdings Co. (as in Ernie and Linda). The company has more business than it can handle, so Ernie can be very selective about which clients he serves, and yet the company has never advertised, has no website, and no social media presence. All new business is by referrals only — Ernie doesn't go out searching for it. The Blair's E & L is not to be confused with E&L Logistics in Brossard (Quebec) nor with E.L Transportation Consultants (New Jersey) nor with E.L. Trucking Inc. (U.S.).

Now overlapping with E&L is Ernie's time as the Ontario Manager for Westline Trucking Ltd. which was founded in 1957. Ernie worked his way up from Transportation Coordinator in the nine years (Jan. 1999-Dec 2007) he worked at its head office in Salmon Arm. This company started as a small inter-provincial operation growing in the last decade to a full range of transportation service throughout North America. This is where Ernie's talent providing a high level of professional service (transportation solutions and logistics) while maintaining good relationships

with customers, was very effective.

After 29 years co-habitation, Linda L. M. Dorey wed Ernie on New Year's Eve (Dec. 31, 2012). Now together 32 years, they travel from coin show-to-show. They originally connected through a truck CB radio transmission, meeting up in person eventually, at the 5th Wheel Truck Stop in Milton. Ernie and Linda are always investing in public companies (such as banking, health and mining stocks). Precious metal stocks have always caught Ernie's attention and he has travelled to many past and present producing mining sites such as Red Lake, Timmins, Porcupine, Sudbury, Kirkland Lake, Wawa and Geralton — just to name a few. Pictured is Ernie holding his Identification for the McEwen Mining shareholders' meeting.

No matter how you size it up, Ernie has gone through life, with an adventurous spirit, and a determination to succeed! By the many true friends he has today, and his loving family, it's clear Ernie has reached his goals and continues to set new ones! I know few people with as much passion for numismatics as Ernie's!



Are RDI Tokens Canadian or British?



Canadian token and fur trade specialists indicate this 4.73g token is from the early 1700's and is Sheffield plated. This token was listed as Robert Dickson Indian Co. (RDI) and sold in the Geoffrey Bell 2013 auction held at the Toronto Reference Library for \$4,112 (both pictures courtesy of GB). The total population of RDI tokens is thought to be 10-15 specimens. Examples in the Bank of Canada collection are placed with the Northwest Co. and other fur trade entities. This one is 2.93g. This smaller denomination from the one above, is rarer than the larger. The British refer to these as 'Jinks', but Canadian specialists claim these are Canadian as a result of their research.



Now Professor A. S. Morton (of Saskatoon) feels the RDI on these tokens' reverse, may signify the Robert Dickson Indian Company. Colonel Robert Dickson was a fur trader with headquarters at Niagara and Michilimackinac. Brigadier-Gen. E. A. Cruikshank of Ottawa, informs that Dickson traded with the Indians in the vicinity of the Wisconsin and Missouri rivers from about 1790 until 1812 and that from 1812 until 1815, he was engaged in the British military service as superintendent of the Western Indians, and that he died about 1823. Although there is no written evidence to connect the tokens under discussion with Colonel Robert Dickson, the type of the obverse, an Indian canoe on rippling water, and the initials on the reverse, form strong presumptive evidence that the tokens were issued by him for trading purposes and that the period of their use was between 1790 and 1812.

So countering this belief, in 2012, DNW Auction sold this token for £2,200 as 'Uncertain location, R.D. Jenkins Co., Sheffield plated copper Two Bits (?), c. 1775-85, canoe on pebbled beach, rev. RDI Co., 27mm, 4.89g / 12h (Scholten Curacao 1411; Byrne 226). Provenance: Bt D. Robins September 1977.' They claim:

The RDI Co. tokens have proved difficult to attribute in the past. Initially ascribed to the Robert Dickson Indian Co. in Ontario, Canada, later a Curacao attribution was postulated and followed by Scholten. Edward Roehrs, in SNC November 1983, provided a compelling case for the attribution of these tokens to St Eustatius; his article was later reprinted in NI Bulletin, vol. 36, no. 12 (December 2000). In further support of this attribution S.J. Kruythoff, a local historian in St Eustatius, makes a non-numismatic reference to these tokens, including an accurate description, in a book published prior to 1939. The tokens would seem to date from the latter part of the 18th century, when small denomination coins were scarce in most of the West Indian islands. In 2004, Mr Roehrs visited the nearby island of St Bartholomew and met a resident and coin collector who 'found' one of the smaller tokens buried in his garden. This find provides very strong support for a Caribbean attribution especially considering the proximity of St Barts to St Eustatius.



So who is right? Is it Canadian or British Indies?

HOW TO DO NUMISMATIC RESEARCH

by Dick Johnson [reprinted courtesy of North York Coin Club The Bulletin January 2016, and January 10, 2016 issue of the E-Sylum on the Internet—with consent of author]

What does it take to be a numismatic researcher? Time. Money. Drive. Resolve. In time you will have to add Experience and Knowledge. This was brought to mind this week in Harry Waterson's report to the board of the Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS), which had awarded him a \$3,333.33 research grant last year. A condensed version of his 14-page report appeared in the Winter 2015-2016 issue the Society's publication, *The Sentinel*.

In 2001 Harry found an interest in the medals of the American sculptor Julio Kilenyi (1885-1959) and began building a collection of the artist's medallic work. From a specialized topic the acquisitions led to a compelling desire to learn more about the artist, his life, his other artistic creations, in addition to more details about the medals in his collections.

This should be the goal of every specialized collector! Medals are ideal for this numismatic research as far too little is known about this area of numismatics. Researchers and

writers can make the greatest contribution to the numismatic field by the pursuit to learn the background and lore of every medal of prominence in their collection. Every medal has a story to tell!

Harry took his burning collector's desire to an elevated numismatic level. He would write a book on Kilenyi through the story of his medallic creations.

Julio Kilenyi

To accomplish this he began gathering details of Kilenyi's life and works. From this he identified where he must dig for more information: museums which held Kilenyi's medals, companies which produced them, institutions which had awarded medals Kilenyi created, libraries with possible archives on the artist or his medallic subjects, family records.

With extensive emails and phone calls to curators, librarians, archivists and organizations' media departments, he compiled a list of where he must visit to carry out his research. Hitting the books was also fruitful; he made liberal use of interlibrary loan.

With his CSNS grant in hand he could plan a trip to visit each of these in one massive circuit. His itinerary took shape with stops in 60 locations in 25 different cities. This was to take place over 33 days, driving 4,050 miles. An astonishing accomplishment, this was indeed the "Great Road Trip" as Gerry Tebben called it.



Wright Brothers, 1953, by Kilenyi

A researcher must go to where the information is located. Librarians, curators and archivists can help.—Their duty is to serve researchers and the public. — but they cannot do the searching for you. They can guide you to their resources and make suggestions, but researchers must expect to search documents, correspondence, photographs, microfilm, whatever is contained in those holdings.

The "Drive" mentioned above can be interpreted in two ways. Expect to drive a lot, traveling to locations. It also means Determination, stamina for sometimes long hours looking, searching, seeking and the will to do it.

Harry did this, resulting in finding a series of portrait plaques for Baseball Hall of Fame, three new medals he had not known previously, others he had never seen before, new medal varieties, observing medals for two U.S. presidents and lots and lots of facts.

While Harry Waterson's research trip was exceptional for the length of time and the number of locations, it exemplifies the extent a researcher must go to gather information.

Time. Money. Drive. Resolve. It requires all four. As might be expected this must be worked into your life schedule. If you are retired this is ideal. If you are an educator with three months free time in a school schedule, this is ideal. If you can do this during your vacation time, this is ideal.

However, you must consider all four requirements to satisfy that burning desire within you to learn more about those objects in your collection.

I want to encourage all serious collectors to do numismatic research. I will help where I can. I cannot tell who collects a special topic, but I often know who is researching a series. Perhaps you could join forces if you chose the same topic, or you can pick a new subject. With experience like he has I am sure Harry could make useful suggestions as well.



World's Fair, 1939, by Kilenyi

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If your club is an ONA member (Ontario or out-of-province), and celebrating a special anniversary this year, please contact the ONA President (Robb McPherson) to have your name and details added to this box.



ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

54th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Host Club: Waterloo Coin Society

April 8 to 10, 2016 in Kitchener, ON



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ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



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2. Exhibits will be accepted only from persons that are members of the O.N.A. during the calendar year of the convention.
3. Exhibits will be divided into the following categories:
 - a. Canadian Coins & Tokens
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 - d. Non-Canadian Paper scrip and related paper items
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4. Topical exhibits will be allocated to the categories above depending on what the dominant subject matter is within the display.
5. Exhibits will be judged as per the Judges' Guideline Sheet.
6. All exhibits shall be grouped together according to category.
7. The Exhibits Chair can reject any exhibit at any time or determine the category it shall be entered and judged in.
8. The Exhibits Chair will keep a full and complete record of all exhibits showing the exhibitor's name, the exhibitors' number and the number of cases in each entry.
9. The names of competitive exhibitors will not be disclosed to anyone until the judges have completed judging and made their reports to the Head Judge, who will then be given the names of the exhibitors to whom the awards are to be made.
10. Small exhibit identification cards showing the exhibitor's number, number of cases and the category in which the exhibit is entered will be affixed to each case in the lower left corner of the exhibit.
11. Application for exhibit space and/or cases should reach the Exhibit Chair no later than two weeks prior to the start of the convention. All applicants will be given space and cases (if required) in order of receipt so long as they are available. No single exhibit may be entered in more than one category. However, any exhibitor may enter one exhibit in each of several categories. Each exhibitor must designate the group which she/he wishes to enter.
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14. All cases must lie flat on the exhibit table, and no material of any kind will be allowed outside the display cases except signs not exceeding the length of one of the cases, and not higher than twelve (12) inches above the exhibit table.

15. Exhibit cases may be supplied by the exhibitor or will be loaned to exhibitors for use at the convention, providing the exhibitor has made known her/his requirements to the Exhibits Chair prior to the Exhibit Application cut-off date (see item 11). The O.N.A. strives to implement the same exhibit case limit as allowed by the R.C.N.A.: "No competitive exhibit will be allowed more than five cases except for paper money where the maximum will be six cases." The Exhibit Chair is authorized to limit the number of displays and the number of display cases used in a single display. This may be necessitated by an insufficient supply of cases available for loan or insufficient exhibit space. Serious exhibitors are urged to submit their Exhibit Application well before the application cut-off date since Exhibit Applications are processed in the order received.
16. Each exhibit case will be closed and locked by the Exhibit Chair or her/his assistant in the owner's presence. The keys will be kept by the Exhibitor until the removal of the exhibit, where cases are supplied by the convention.
17. No exhibit will be removed from the exhibit area prior to the close of the exhibit period which will be set by the Exhibit Chair. (**Consult the convention program of events for official exhibit setup and removal times.**) In cases of special circumstances, permission may be granted by the Exhibits Chair to take from the area before the closing time. Such permission must be in writing so that there is no miscommunication or misunderstanding.
18. Three judges will be appointed by the Head Judge to judge each category. They will have full and final authority to select all first, second and third awards. They will also have the authority to withhold any such award, in any category, where they feel the exhibits are deemed unworthy of an award.
19. After judging is completed, the judges will meet and briefly discuss their results. If their findings are not unanimous as to the order then the judges should discuss or re-evaluate the points awarded, if possible.
20. Judging sheet results may be made available by the Head Judge during the convention if requested by a display. The judges' decision shall be final and binding in all cases.
21. Adequate security protection will be provided for the exhibit room during the period of the convention commencing at the time the room is opened to the exhibitors to place their exhibits and continuing until the time that the Exhibits Chair has set by which the exhibits must be removed.
22. The Best of Show award is chosen from the first place awards given in categories A - E. This Best of Show award is officially presented at the O.N.A. convention banquet on Saturday evening of the convention.
23. The Peoples' Choice award is judged by the general public who view the exhibits. Ballots are provided to everyone entering the exhibit area. People can vote for the best exhibit of their choice and place the ballot in the designated box. The Peoples' Choice award is presented at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon of the convention.
24. Awards, in the form of an engraved O.N.A. Convention Medal and a coloured award ribbon will be presented to the first, second and third place winners in all categories, plus the Peoples' Choice award and Best of Show award winners.

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